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Letter dated 1 April 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request the Security Council to hold an emergency meeting and to strongly condemn the Kinshasa Government, which has failed to respect resolution 1399 (2002) of 19 March 2002 and the decisions taken at the last meeting of the Political Committee of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement, held in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 20 March 2002.

In flagrant violation of the Lusaka Agreements and showing contempt for resolution 1399 (2002) and the decisions of the Political Committee, the Kinshasa Government once again attacked Moliro, which RCD-Goma had turned over to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) in accordance with that resolution.

This recapture of Moliro by the Kinshasa Government shows clearly that Kinshasa has no desire to respect the decisions of the Security Council. The Kinshasa Government has obviously no political will to embark on, continue and conclude political negotiations within the Inter-Congolese Dialogue. That is why it took Moliro in flagrant violation of the Lusaka Agreements and then sought to take Kamamba, which cost it the recapture of Moliro by RCD-Goma, and why that same Government is currently re-attacking and recapturing Moliro, in flagrant violation of resolution 1399 (2002), which it had, however, committed itself in writing to respect. The Kinshasa Government must be strongly condemned and formally ordered to evacuate Moliro immediately and unconditionally.

The Security Council and MONUC on the ground know perfectly well what the Kinshasa Government was using and still wishes to use the Moliro locality for, notably infiltration into Burundi, Rwanda and the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of the former Forces armées rwandaises (ex-FAR) and Interahamwe militia members and other negative forces operating jointly with the Kinshasa Government.

From a reading of events, it become clear that the Kinshasa Government is practically the sole obstacle to peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and throughout the Great Lakes region. The United Nations Security Council should call it to account and punish it.

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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